

January 2015 Resources & Opportunities



3rd ANNUAL DYEE JOB FAIR

The Department of Youth Engagement and Employment invites you to its 3rd Annual Job Fair! Get a better understanding of our summer employment program. Talk to work sites, get your questions answered, put your name in for raffles, and more. Fill

out your Pathway to Success application if you haven't already! This event will also feature entertainment such as step teams and dance teams. Feb 21, 11am-2pm. Madison Park High School, 75 Malcolm X Blvd. Stay tuned to our website for more information: www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone.

[Check out some highlights from the 2014 Teen Job Fair!](#)

CAREER READINESS WORKSHOP SERIES

Need help with budgeting your paycheck or want to learn about what employers value? The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment is hosting a FREE Career Development Workshop Series starting in Jan. All workshops are led by high school-aged Career Peers for youth with a range of experiences ages 13+. Make sure you stand out in the job search process by checking out a workshop! For full schedule and workshop offerings: www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone. January dates include:

Jan 8, 4:30-6pm: "Get Organized: Time Management Tips"
Jan 15, 4:30-6pm: "Let's Get This Money Jeopardy: Money Lingo"
Jan 22, 4:30-6pm: "Pay Yourself First: Budgeting Basics"
Jan 29, 4:30-6pm: "What Employers Value"



We're the Mayor's Youth Council, and we want to give you all an update:

YOUTH COUNT 2015

ALL YOUTH MATTER

Take part in the 2015 Youth Count Census. From January 28th until February 4th, join members of your community in helping support young people that are disconnected from the resources and services that they deserve!

[Learn more about the 2015 Youth Count here!](#)



At our most recent meeting, we discussed gender identity and brainstormed how to intentionally communicate an atmosphere of inclusion.

At the end of December, we volunteered at Senior First Night, the annual New Year's celebration for Boston's elderly residents.

Next, we will be attending Idea Collection Assemblies for Participatory Budgeting. Consider joining us!



PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING - New Year, New Ideas!!!

Mayor Walsh needs **YOU** to help him make Boston better! He is looking for your ideas on how to spend \$1,000,000 of Boston's budget! Last year, we renovated parks, bought laptops for schools, funded a skate park feasibility study, and more.

What will you decide to do this year?

This month, we'll be popping up around your neighborhood to collect ideas on how to spend this money. To submit an idea and get free food, come to one of the following assemblies:

Jan 8, 4:30pm: Tobin Community Center,
1481 Tremont St., Roxbury/Mission Hill

Jan 14, 4:30pm: Condon Community Center,
200 D St., South Boston

Jan 22, 4:30pm: Mildred Ave Community
Center, 5 Mildred Ave, Mattapan

You can also submit an idea online! [Click here!](#)

Featured Programs

DYEE Resource Line: Do you need help finding an after school program, scholarships, or a job? The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment can help! Our resource line is open weekdays from 10am-7pm and from 10am-6pm during school vacations. We are here to help you find and get connected to programs and opportunities for youth of all ages, all across Boston. Call us at 617-635-2240 or 617-635-4202 or visit us at www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone.

Boston Centers for Youth & Families Program Guide: Find programs from fall through spring for all ages including homework help, GED, basketball, volleyball, yoga, chess, computer class and more. Limited print copies available at your neighborhood BCYF center. 617-635-4920, www.cityofboston.gov/bcyf

Boston Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services: This year, BPS is participating in "Community Eligibility Option." Through this federal program, breakfast and lunch are available to all students in all schools at no cost, regardless of family income. Learn more at www.bostonpublicschools.org/meals

BPS School Preview Time: Come learn about the Boston Public Schools during school preview hours in a new format and schedule. BPS will be hosting school preview opportunities on the same date and time, in all of its early education, elementary, K-8, middle and high schools running. Get a schedule at <http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/652>

YMCA of Greater Boston: The YMCA of Greater Boston offers a variety of programs for Boston youth ages 13-18. Programs include homework help, college/work readiness programs, access to wellness centers, and much more. Contact your local teen director here: <http://ymcaboston.org/teens/contact-information>

Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club Membership: With a Blue Hill Boys & Girls Club membership, teens receive homework help, leadership programming, a workout facility, college prep, and

much more for only \$5 a year! The Boys and Girls Club is regularly open Mon-Fri, 1-8pm. 15 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Brandon, 617-506-5400, www.bgcb.org/our-location/blue-hill-club

STEAM Team: This after-school program uses STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) to solve community problems. Open to students from the Timilty and Tobin schools. Applications: rolling. Session 2 begins Jan 5. Mon-Thu, 3-5pm. Timilty School, 205 Roxbury Street. Jenna Nackel, STEAM Coordinator, 617-442-4299 x150, jnackel@sociedadlatina.org

Computer Clubhouse Open House: This FREE program features an inventor's workshop, music studio, game development lab, and sound stage. Produce songs, create videos, build websites, and more. Open to ages 10-18. Open House dates are Jan 10 and/or 24, 2-5pm. After-school program is Tuesdays-Thursdays, 2:30-6:30pm; Fridays, 2:30-7:30pm; and Saturdays, 12-5pm. Museum of Science Boston. 617-723-2500, www.mos.org

Saturday Community Classes: Sociedad Latina is now accepting applications for spring Saturday Community Classes, including visual arts, music, dance, and nutrition. Saturdays, 10am-2pm. Sociedad Latina, 1530 Tremont St., Mission Hill. Josh Snyder, josh@sociedadlatina.org, 617-442-4299

MIT Outreach Programs: Applications are available now for high school juniors with the knowledge and confidence necessary to pursue careers in technical fields. All applicants will be considered for three FREE programs: MITES, E2@MIT, and MOSTEC. Apply now: <http://mitesapp.mit.edu>. Deadline: Feb 1. 617-253-8052, mitesapp@mit.edu

Generation Next Academy: Teens ages 13-18 are welcome to check out the GNA Teen Center. In this FREE program, you will learn about computer labs/academic support, career support, arts, civic engagement & leadership, and more. Mon-Fri, 2-6pm. Dorchester House, 1353 Dorchester Ave. 617-740-2488, http://mydorchester.org/youth/teen_center

Summer Search Presentations for Sophomores: The mission of Summer Search is to find resilient, low-income high school students and inspire them to become responsible and altruistic leaders by providing year-round mentoring, life-changing summer experiences, college advising, and a lasting support network. Sophomores can attend a Summer Search presentation at your high school or talk to your guidance counselor. 617-524-9911, www.summersearch.org

Juntos Dance Collective: Juntos Collective provides FREE Modern Dance instruction that introduces children ages 3-12 to basic dance techniques. 1st Saturday of each month, 10-11am. YMCA of Greater Boston, 316 Huntington Ave. Mrs. Murray, 617-927-8112, khamlett-murray@ymcaboston.org

Hip-Hop Dancing Kids: In this dance class, kids work on coordination, basic steps, and building a hip-hop routine. Open to ages 4-8. Cost: \$12 per class. Tuesdays and Thursdays year-round, 6:30-7:15pm. Star Dance School, 323 Washington St., Brighton. 617-202-9200

Catholic Charities Teen Center at St. Peter's: Boston youth ages 12-19 have access to programming for academic support and leadership development as well as classes in dance, theatre, music production, visual arts, African drumming, and Karate. Activities begin at 4pm, Mon-Fri. 278 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. 617-282-3614, www.ccab.org/?q=youth

Boston SpedPac Special Needs Camp/Resource Fair: Boston SpedPac is hosting a camp/resource fair for Boston youth with special needs. Camps will include the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester Waypoint Adventure, the Boston Medical Center Autism Program, and more. Jan 22 (time TBD). The Richard J. Murphy School, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester. 617-297-7335, <http://bostonspedpac.org/meeting-flyer>

Young Composers Festival: This festival is a 3-day long program of workshops, panel discussions, and concerts for students from elementary school to college. Work alongside

professional composers and perform contemporary music. Cost: FREE. Community Music Center of Boston, 34 Warren Ave, Back Bay. Jan 29-31. 617-482-7494 x28, www.cmcb.org

Lesley University College Courses for High School Students

Program: This program offers 7-week college credit and 4-week non-credit courses in visual art and design. Scholarships are available. Winter Session runs from Feb 14-Apr 4. 617-349-8011, lesley.edu/pre-college

The Marble Collection, Inc.: This organization publishes the only statewide art magazine featuring the work of students in grades 8-12. TMC also offers mentoring workshops for teen writers and artists. Cost: FREE. 202 Main St., Lakeville, MA 02347. 508-692-8912, www.themarblecollection.org



Jobs & Volunteering

Sociedad Latina Youth Employment: If you are 14-21 years old, in- or out-of-school, and looking for a job, Sociedad Latina accepts applications on a rolling basis. Youth jobs include Youth Community Organizers, Health Educators in Action, Youth Music Ambassadors, Visual Artists, and Health Careers for Youth. Apply: www.sociedadlatina.org. Lydia Emmons, lydia@sociedadlatina.org, 617-442-4299

YEAR UP: This free, 1-year program that serves youth ages 18-24 is recruiting for its March 2015 class. Earn up to 24 free college credits, receive an educational stipend, and complete a paid internship. Fill out the Student Interest Form now. Info sessions take place most Mondays and Thursdays, 4:30pm. 93 Summer Street, Boston. Sabrina, 617-542-1533, santoine@yearup.org

Dimock CSA Youth Vocational Training Program: This program gives youth ages 16-21 skills for personal growth, employment readiness, and job placement. A \$25 weekly stipend, snacks, and refreshments are offered. Wednesdays and Thursdays

for 8 weeks, 3:30-5pm starting Jan 14. 3313 Washington St. (2nd floor, Suite 3), Jamaica Plain. Register by Jan 7 to 617-522-0650.

BCYF Teen Umpire Training Program: BCYF is accepting teens ages 15-17 who are interested in baseball and would like a job this summer. Youth will be trained on how to become a baseball umpire, and those who successfully complete the training program will earn summer employment. Jan-Mar, two days per week, two hours per session. Billy Sittig, 617-635-5206 x104, William.Sittig@cityofboston.gov

ABCD Career Explorations: ABCD provides FREE workshops for City of Boston residents ages 17-21 on topics such as health, early childhood education, culinary arts, and more. The program will include a paid internship during Jan-Mar. If you maintain 75% attendance, you are guaranteed a SummerWorks job. Mikayla Carignan, 617-348-6654, mikayla.carignan@bostonabcd.org

City Mission Society MLK Day of Service and Learning: Celebrate Martin Luther King Day by serving your community! Prepare meals, sort clothes, package books, and more. Registration fee: \$20. Registration deadline: Jan 12. Volunteering date: Jan 17, 9:30am-2:30pm. For more information and a list of service sites: www.cmsboston.org/Martin-Luther-King-Day-2015.html

826 Boston: 826 Boston provides drop-in tutoring, after-school workshops, in-school tutoring, and more. Volunteers are needed for help in various areas. 3035 Washington St. Roxbury. 617-442-5400, www.826Boston.org

Columbia University Adolescent Drug-Prevention Program: The Vamos Project is testing the effectiveness of an interactive cell-phone program in preventing drug use amongst Latino/Hispanic youth. They are seeking community organizations to assist them in recruiting Latino/Hispanic youth ages 12-15. Recruitment is ongoing. Parents and youth can register at

www.vamoscolumbia.com. 1-855-326-1313,
vamos@columbia.edu

Teens in Print: Ever dreamed of seeing your name in print? Join the staff of Boston's citywide youth newspaper, Teens in Print. This is a volunteer position open to BPS high school students that could lead to a paid position next summer. Meetings are twice a week at The Boston Globe and have FREE food!
ric.kahn.jcs@cityofboston.gov, 617-541-2651

Community Service Agency Meetings: Residents of Hyde Park, Roslindale, West Roxbury, Mattapan, and Dorchester meet to discuss ways to benefit families needing help and support in their communities. 3rd Tue of the month, 10-11:30am. 780 American Legion Highway, Roslindale. rjoyner@thehome.org

VISIONS Youth Career Workshop & Fair: Propa City Community Outreach invites Boston youth ages 15-21 to its Career Workshop & Fair. Must have a professional résumé draft and pay \$10 registration fee. Jan 10, 12-5pm. Boston Teacher's Union, 180 Mount Vernon St., Dorchester. 617-407-5347, info@propacityco.org

City Spotlights Leadership Program: In this PAID summer program at the Citi Performing Arts Center, youth ages 15-19 participate in arts and leadership training using dance, music, acting, community advocacy, and more. This program is 25 hours per week. Sign up now for an audition in Feb:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSLP2015AUD. Sheryl Chen, Outreach Programs Manager, 617-532-1250, www.citicenter.org

Boston PIC: If you attend a BPS High School, connect with your Private Industry Council (PIC) Career Specialist who can help you with your resume, job interview skills, and job search. 617-524-5224, www.BostonPIC.org

Teen Resume Guide: Create a resume to be able to share with potential job, internship, or volunteer leads. This guide includes a variety of formats samples, tips on how to tell your story, and

great action words to describe your work and volunteer experience. www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone/JobsInternshipsAndVolunteering

Health & Sports

Seasonal Influenza Shots: Annual outbreaks of the seasonal flu usually occur during the late fall through early spring. Protect yourself by getting the flu shot. The Public Health Commission will be posting locations that offer free vaccinations. Visit www.bphc.org/flu to find a location near you.

ADSL Fit Kitchen: The All Dorchester Sports League will be hosting a series of five cooking and nutrition classes based on the resources by cooking matters. Open to ages 10-18 and their families. Space is limited. Jan. 24, Jan 31, Feb. 14, Feb. 21. 10a-12p. Candice, 617-287-1601

Save a Life - Learn to Swim: Learn water safety skills and gain access to all levels of swimming. 8 lessons/month (first two weeks FREE, the following weeks are \$20). Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6-7:30pm, and Saturdays, 10am-12pm. Boston Elite Swim Team, Madison Park Recreation Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury. BEST also offers lessons at the Holland Community Center, 85 Onley St. in Dorchester from Mon-Fri, 7-8:30pm. 857-203-0133, www.bestorcas.org

Club STAR: Sharing Together and Remembering: Come join a support group for children, in kindergarten through senior year, grieving the loss of a sibling or parent. Share experiences, create projects, and participate in memory-making activities. Dinner and parking are provided. First Wed of every month (Oct-Jun), 5:30-7:30pm. Mass General Hospital, 55 Fruit St. Hillary D'Amato, 617-643-9276, mghclubstar@partners.org

Uphams Corner Health Center's Teen Workshop Series: Meet with other teens (ages 15-18) to discuss issues that impact

you. Topics of discussion include healthy relationships, community issues, self-esteem, and more. Refreshments and giveaways provided. 3rd Thursday each month, 5-7pm. 500 Columbia Road, Dorchester (across the hall from the Bird Street Boston Public Library). Vanessa Santos, 617-740-8143, vsantos@uphams.org

Perkins Piranhas Swim Team: The BCYF Perkins Community Center is recruiting swimmers ages 5-17 for its swim team. This is for swimmers that can swim the length of the pool without taking a break. Mon, Tue, & Thu, 5:30-7:30pm. 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Jeremy, 617-635-5146, PerkinsCC@cityofboston.gov

Perkins Swim Lessons: The BCYF Perkins Community Center has slots available for anyone ages 5+ interested in learning to swim. Wed & Fri. Jeremy, 617-635-5146, PerkinsCC@cityofboston.gov

Healthworks Youth Fitness: Children can learn yoga, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and more. Ages 5-12. 450 Washington St, Codman Sq. Kelsea Gusk, 617-825-2800, kusk@healthworkscommunityfitness.org.

Basketball Clinic: In this 5-week program, children ages 5-10 will learn the rules of the game, ball-handling, passing, shooting, and defense. Cost: \$140. Jan 11-Feb 8, 4:30-6PM. Leventhal-Sidman Community Center, 333 Nahanton St., Newton. Register online at www.bostonjcc.org/winterhoops. 617-558-6456, sports@jccqb.org

Kroc Center Group Exercise: The Kroc Center has released its Group Exercise schedule for the winter! Opportunities include Zumba, muscle conditioning, and more. Open to ages 16+ (and 14-15 year olds who have completed the Teen Fitness Orientation). Cost: FREE for general members, \$4 for value members, and \$6 for guests. 650 Dudley St., Dorchester. Full schedule: www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_bostonkroccenter.nsf/vw-text-dynamic-

arrays/327872094E48EC5C85257A41007E2F4A?openDocument&charset=utf-8. 617-318-6900

Volley Against Violence: Youth ages 4-17 are invited to play tennis for FREE and enjoy two hours of community fitness, food, and fun. Fridays, 6-8pm. Sportsmen's Tennis & Enrichment Center, 950 Blue Hill Ave, Dorchester (near Franklin Field/Harambee Park). Jelani Haynes, 617-429-3876, jhaynes@sportsmentennis.org

Skills & Drills Swim Stroke Development Clinic: Become a stronger swimmer by participating in BEST's February swimming development clinic. 8 lessons/month (twice weekly). Cost: 1st 2 weeks are FREE; \$20 for the following 2 weeks/month. Tuesdays or Thursdays, 6-7:30pm or Saturdays, 10am-12pm at the Madison Park Recreation Center, 55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury; and Mondays & Fridays, 7-8:30pm at the Holland Community Center, 85 Onley Street, Dorchester. 857-203-0133, www.bestorcas.org

Survivor-to-Survivor Support: The program provides assistance with preparation for court proceedings. Drop in for coffee, conversation, and survivor-to-survivor support. Wednesdays, 4-7pm. Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, 15 Christopher St., Dorchester. 617-825-1917

Community Preparedness Basics: The "Get Ready, Be Safe, Stay Healthy" online course offers ongoing classes that prepare Boston residents for emergencies. Learn the best practices, tips, and resources for community preparedness. <https://delvalle.bphc.org/course/view.php?id=251>



FUN THINGS TO DO

MFA December Holiday Vacation Week: Enjoy free, drop-in activities for families to do together in the galleries all week long. Learn to draw, paint, and print like the masters, and

create your own art to take home this holiday season. Dec 26–31, 10–4 pm. www.mfa.org

Boston Blink!: Check out the light and sound extravaganza at Faneuil Hall! Now-Jan 4. www.bostonblinks.com

Frog Pond Skating Academy: Frog Pond campus offers classes for kids and adults of every age and ability at the Frog Pond. For a schedule of classes and registration forms, please visit www.skatingacademy.org, or 617-635-2120x11.

Boston Ballet's the Nutcracker: This is a must-see holiday event for you and your whole family! Join Clara on her magical journey through an enchanted winter wonderland to a palace of sugary confections. Now-Dec 31. www.bostonballet.org/tickets-and-performances.html

Charlie And the Chocolate Factory: Celebrate the New Year by seeing this fun, 90-minute non-musical version of the children's classic! Cost: \$13. Jan 1, 1pm & 5pm and Jan 2, 1pm. Temple B'nai Abraham, 200 E. Lothrop St., Beverly. Mimi

Planes, Trains, and Automobiles: This fun exhibit features cars, see-through planes, and a train that lights up. Cost: FREE. Mon-Tue & Sat-Sun, 10am-4:45pm and Wed-Fri, 10am-9:45pm. Museum of Fine Arts, 465 Huntington Avenue. 617-267-9300, www.mfa.org

Museum of Science Disability Prototype Testing: The Museum of Science is seeking visitors of all ages with any disability to test out its new accessible exhibit prototypes. Participation includes free admission to exhibit halls and free parking. To participate and give feedback, fill out the online form at <http://mos.fluidsurveys.com/s/accesstesting> or call 617-589-4438.

Amazing Scavenger Hunt Adventure: In this scavenger hunt activity, participants turn Boston into a giant game board. Solve clues, complete challenges, and learn local history at your own pace. Cost: \$39.20 for a team of 2-5 people after using promotion

code: SPINGOBoston. Sign up online:
www.UrbanAdventureQuest.com

Girls Programming

BCYF Girls' Night Out: BCYF's next Girls' Night Out will feature a screening of Night at the Museum 3. Dec 30. Tobin Community Center. For more information and to register, contact Erika.Butler@boston.gov.

Join Teen Voices Rising: This all-girls program creates a platform for BPS girls to be heard on social justice and/or women's issues, while allowing them to respond with community outreach. Earn community service hours and have your work published/aired. Mondays, 3:30-5:30pm at the Dorchester Academy. Liz Torres, Elizabeth.Torres.jcs@cityofboston.gov, 617-541-2666

Girls Who Code Club: Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Open to girls in grades 6-12. Online registration is required. Every Friday during the school year. Computer Center (2nd floor), Newton Free Library, 330 Homer St., Newton. www.newtongwc.com

IGNITE Change Scholarship: Boston Glow is awarding scholarships to girls ages 13-19 who currently reside in Boston, Cambridge or Somerville. Contestants will be required to write an essay about the change they wished to see for women and girls in their community. Deadline: Apr 6, 2015.
www.bostonglow.org/leadership_contest

Girl Scouts of Eastern Mass: Girl Scouts is dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. We have programs through the city for Girls K2-12th grade. Get involved by signing up, starting a new program, or volunteering. 857-453-5346, www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/join

Hispanic Black Gay Coalition: Black and Latina women who are ready to be inspired are invited to come together, share stories,

and learn from each other with HUES SISTER CIRCLE. This takes place the first Wednesday of every month, 6:45-9pm, at the Union United Methodist Church, 485 Columbus Ave. Boston.

www.hbgc-boston.org

Trainings on Commercial Sexual Exploitation: These trainings will include the following: "The Nexus of Gangs and Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Identification and Response" on Jan 13, 9:30am-12:30pm; and "Preventing the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Girls: A Training for Providers on Using the My Life My Choice Curriculum" on Jan 27, 9:30am-4pm. Family Justice Center, 989 Commonwealth Ave. Paige, 774-270-1003, pbuckley@jri.org

Black Ministerial Alliance Clergy Women United Retreat: The BMA of Greater Boston invites clergy women and ministry leaders of all denominations to release your cares, burdens, hopes, and dreams to God through worship. Next meeting is Jan 15. For more details, contact Rev. Sylvia Johnson, Network Coordinator, syljohnson@bmaboston.org.

Early Childhood

MFA Playdates: Bring your toddler in for a FREE drop-in storytime and art making in the galleries. FREE with admission. First and third Monday of every month, (January's only date is the 5th), 10:15-11:15am. Museum of Fine Arts. www.mfa.org/programs/gallery-activities-and-tours/mfa-playdates

Mama & Me: Toddlers and their parents can enjoy interactive art and creative movement classes. Registration is now open for winter sessions. Most sessions are 8 classes long with one class per week. 617-477-3432, www.mymamaandme.com

Color, Mixing & Reactions: In this art class, parents assist in developing their children's observation and language skills. Open to ages 1-3. Cost: \$150 for all 8 weeks; siblings receive a 25%

discount, and siblings under 1 are free. Tuesdays from Jan 6-Mar 3, 10:45-11:45am. United South End Settlements, 48 Rutland St., South End. 617-375-8159

Sea Squirts, Ocean Babies: Sea Squirts classes introduce your child to the wonders of the aquatic world while developing their motor, language, and science skills. Open to ages 2-4. Cost (for four 1-hour classes): \$50 for members, \$95 for non-members. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from Jan 6-29 (hours vary). Central Wharf, Boston. 617-226-2123

1-4 Year Old Playgroup: Playgroups are a great place for you and your toddler to connect with each other and other families. Children will develop social, emotional, literary, motor, art, and sensory skills. Thursdays, 9:30-11:30am. Georgetowne Homes Community Room, 400A Georgetowne Drive, Hyde Park. For a list of other locations and times:

www.familynurturing.org/programs/parent-child-playgroups. 617-474-1143 Chris

The Boston Children's Museum: Check out the museum on Friday nights! Children can enjoy four floors of endless fun.

www.bostonkids.org/plan/hours.html

Countdown to Kindergarten Play to Learn Playgroups:

Boston children ages 1-3 can sign up to attend free parent-child playgroups. 617-635-9288, playgroup@boston.k12.ma.us, www.countdowntokindergarten.org/playtolearn.html

Talk Read Play: Boston's children thrive when they talk, read, and play! Find programs for younger children! Also, check out valuable resources and be the first to hear about awesome events. www.talkreadplay.org



College & Education

ApplyKit: ApplyKit is an online tool that helps you manage the college application process. From financial aid to deadline reminders, ApplyKit makes researching more than 9,000 schools an easy experience. Visit www.applykit.com and create a FREE account today!

SAT Prep Program: The BCYF Hyde Park Community Center is offering a 6-week SAT prep program. Open to the first 24 students who sign up. Cost: \$200. Schedule: Jan 17-Feb 28, 9:30-11:30am. Test date: Mar 7. 1179 River St. 617-635-5178, HydeParkCC@cityofboston.gov

Number 2: Free SAT courses, extra preparation, and all the help you need to get ready for testing time is now available. Create an account and enroll now at www.number2.com

Northeastern University College Readiness Event: Northeastern University invites parents and students in grades 9 or 10 to discuss college readiness. Learn about the college admissions and financial aid processes and how to prepare for the college application and interview. RSVP by Jan. 9. Session takes place Jan 10, 9am-12pm. Fenway Center, Northeastern University. 617-373-7666, <http://collegereadinessnu.eventbrite.com>

Mission Possible! College Planning: Mission Possible! guides high school seniors through the entire college application process, from finding the best school to completing applications. Receive help with writing résumés, job-searching, interviewing, and more. Sociedad Latina, 1530 Tremont St., Mission Hill. Jade Franco, 617-442-4299, jade@sociedadlatina.org

Bottom Line College Counseling: To be eligible for this FREE, one-on-one, yearlong college application and financial aid advising program, you must be a Boston resident and have at least a 2.5 GPA. Applicants must also be in the first generation of their families to attend college AND live in a household that meets

income eligibility requirements. 617-524-8833,
<http://bottomline.org/for-students/student-application.aspx>

uASPIRE: Formerly known as ACCESS, uAspire provides free financial aid advising to nearly 40,000 Boston students. From advice on filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to tips on applying for scholarships, you can get answers to all your college affordability questions. January drop-in dates are Thursdays, 3-6pm from Jan 8-Mar 26. 617-778-7195,
www.uaspireusa.org

SAT Question of the Day!: Quiz yourself with the SAT Question of the Day. Get the questions e-mailed to you and sign in to create a College Board account to track how you do on the questions each day! www.collegeboard.com

The Princeton Review: If you're looking for an SAT prep site or looking to enhance your test taking skills, log onto The Princeton Review site. www.princetonreview.com

Northeastern University Scholarship for BHA Residents: High school seniors or transfer students living in BHA public housing are eligible to apply for this full undergraduate scholarship. For an application and list of other requirements, read the BHA Scholarship Fact Sheet. Rachel Goodman, 617-988-4021,
rachel.goodman@bostonhousing.org

Boston Scholarship Guide: The Department of Youth Engagement and Employment is currently in the process of updating all local, college, and national scholarships. Please see our updated scholarships here:
www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone/collegeguide/scholarships.asp.
For a complete, not updated list:
www.BostonScholarshipGuide.com

Awards & Contests

PCA Double-Goal Coach Award: Nominate a coach whose first goal is winning and who's second most important goal is teaching

life lessons through sports. Deadline: Dec 31.

www.positivecoach.org

JFK Profile in Courage Essay Contest: This contest invites high school students from across the nation to write an original essay about an elected official who has demonstrated political courage. The winners will receive awards totaling up to \$14,000. Deadline: Jan 5. www.jfklibrary.org

The Princeton Prize in Race Relations: This program seeks to honor students in grades 9-12 who are doing outstanding work in their schools or communities to advance the cause of race relations. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award and be invited on a free trip to Princeton University to attend the "Princeton Prize Symposium on Race" to be recognized for the work they have done. Deadline: Jan 31. 1-800-742-1036, www.princeton.edu/princetonprize pprize@Princteton.edu

Tutoring Programs

After School Homework Help: Students in grades 4-8 can get FREE help with their homework after school. Space is limited. Mon-Fri, 2-6pm. "Math Program Saturdays" are also offered on Sat from 10am-12pm for students in grades 5 and 6. Roxbury Multi-Service Center, 434 Warren St., Roxbury. Carmen Santos, csantos@roxmulti.org, 617-989-0292 x101

Mission Possible! Tutoring: Sociedad Latina offers drop-in sessions twice a week where youth can receive tutoring and test prep from college students. 1530 Tremont St., Mission Hill. Jade Franco, 617-442-4299, jade@sociedadlatina.org

Extrahelp: Extrahelp is the weekly television series providing homework help to Boston students. Every Tuesday from 4-8pm, elementary, middle, and high school students can watch and call Extrahelp on Comcast 9, RCN 15 to receive "live" homework help from BPS teachers. Call 617-708-3290 to get your math, reading and language arts questions answered! www.bnntv.org

Homework Help at BPL: Students in grades K-8 can get free drop-in after-school homework help in all subject areas at any library branch. Academic support and mentoring is also available. Runs Mon-Thurs, 3:30-5:30pm. Weekend hours at Central Branch only, Sat, 12-4pm; Sun, 1-5pm. 617-859-2335, www.bpl.org/boost

826 Boston: This program offers youth in grades 1-12 one-on-one tutoring and homework help in any subject. Students can register to receive help from a trained tutor. Mon-Thurs, 3-6pm and Sat, 1-3pm for students ages 12-18. www.826boston.org/programs

After School Program Homework Center: The Allston/Brighton APAC offers its residents ages 5-12 academic assistance in reading, math, geography, and writing. Program runs until 6pm. Cost is based on income. Steve, 617-782-6068, www.allstonbrightonapac.org

Salesian Boys & Girls Club of East Boston: The Salesian Boys & Girls Club offers supervised homework help for youth in all grades. FREE to all members. Runs every school day from 2:45-5pm. 617-567-6626, www.salesianclub.com/activities.html

Boys and Girls Club of Roxbury: The B&G Club offers homework help, test preparation, and tutoring for free to youth ages 6-18. Must be a B&G Club member. 617-427-6050, www.bgcb.org

Youth Tutoring Youth: In this FREE after-school tutoring program, South Boston and Dorchester students in grades 3-5 are able to receive one-on-one help in math and language arts. Program begins Oct 15 and runs every Mon-Thu, 2:45-6pm. Labouré Center, 275 West Broadway, South Boston. Kylie, 617-464-8575, kylie_cannon@ccab.org

MCAS Biology Course at RCC: Roxbury Community College is hosting its first-ever MCAS biology course! Classes began in Dec and will continue up to the exam in Feb. Tuesdays (in Building 3,

Room 521) and Thursdays (in Building 3, Room 532), 5-7:30pm.
1234 Columbus Ave, Roxbury Crossing. jlambert@rcc.mass.edu



Youth Workers

Become A Partner with us for the Summer of 2015!:

The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment is excited to welcome the new year with several upcoming programs and events for Boston youth. The partnership application for the 2015 Summer Youth Employment Program is available now! The application is open to registered non-profit organizations in Boston. Community-based organizations interested in becoming a work site for the summer of 2015 must complete the online application by the deadline of Jan. 30, 2015 by 5 PM. Application can be found here: <http://goo.gl/aLnXcV>

DYEE Youth Workshop Series: The Department of Youth Engagement & Employment is hosting a FREE Career Development Workshop Series this school year beginning in Jan. Workshop offerings include organizational skills, financial literacy, effective communication, budgeting, social media management, and interview tips. All workshops are led by high school-aged Career Peers and are created and targeted for a wide range of experiences, ages 13+. Yves, 617-635-4202, www.cityofboston.gov/youthzone

Goodwill's HELP Program: This innovative program prepares participants to become entry-level direct support professionals in human services. Become qualified to fill the need for workers in community residences, shelters, and other human services settings. Classes begin Jan 5. Diane Clarke Delehanty, 617-541-1243, ddelehanty@goodwillmass.org

Math Games: Learn fun ways to help students from Pre-K to 8th grade build math skills in interactive workshops. Tuesdays in January (the 6th, 13th, and 20th), 10:15am-12:15pm. Dudley Branch Library, Roxbury. Register now:

www.mathpower.neu.edu/math-games-registration. 617-373-5934

Adoptive Families Together (AFT): Join AFT parent-run once a month, confidential groups to share personal concerns and needs around adoptive parenting. AFT provides FREE education, advocacy, training, and support to families, professionals, and communities about the adoption experience. We also welcome adopted individuals, birth parents, foster parents and all those with a connection to adoption. For schedule: www.mspcc.org/aft

Boston GLOW Annual Fundraising Gala: Help support Boston GLOW in its efforts to guide women of all ages to become empowered community leaders. Feb 26. Artists for Humanity Epicenter, South Boston. For more information: www.bostonglow.org, meghan@bostonglow.org.

Rate Your Program on Bostonnavigator: Tell your past program participants to use Bostonnavigator's ratings feature! Encourage them to complete a review of your program to get the word out about your work and help other youth connect to programs that will benefit them. www.Bostonnavigator.org

Update Your Programs on Boston Navigator: Make sure youth, parents, guidance counselors, and youth workers can find your programs on Boston Navigator by keeping your information updated. This also allows for more accurate search results throughout the website. www.bostonvavigator.org

Do You Want to Add Information to the Boston Youth Zone Newsletter?: If you would like to add information about your program, please email Youthline@cityofboston.gov by the 23rd of each month. Please include details about the program, cost, location and who someone should contact for more information.